



# Parent and Child Rights

## Birth to 3 Program

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The following are highlights from the *Procedural Safeguards* that define your rights in the early intervention process.

- Informed Consent – It ensures that you understand all information related to early intervention activities and that you voluntarily give your written permission before any service begins. Before you sign the consent form the following things should be explained to you:
  - The purpose of each service
  - The manner in which the services will be provided
  - The cost to you (if any)
  - Possible consequences of not consenting to evaluation, assessment or proposed services.
- Prior Written Notice – You must be given notice before a public agency or service provider proposes, provides, changes, or refuses an early intervention activity.
- Participation in the Evaluation, Development of the IFSP - You must be involved and consulted in the evaluation and assessment process. You will be invited to participate in the evaluation team (EI-Team) meetings that determine your child's eligibility.
- Records will be kept confidential – When you ask to review your child's early intervention records, the records will be made available without necessary delay but not later than 15 working days from your request. Your first request will be made free of charge.
- Parents have the right to request corrections to their child's and family records.
- Parents have the right to disagree with decisions regarding their child's eligibility or the provision of appropriate services to their child and family.
  - Birth to 3 concerns or complaints may be directed to your county Birth to 3 Coordinator.
  - Disputes about your child's early intervention services may be handled in one of two ways:
    - Mediation
    - Impartial Hearing

If you would like a full copy of the Parent and Child Rights you may request this at any time from your Service Coordinator.